

CCS#2 SS SCS SB 719 -- TRANSPORTATION

This bill changes the laws regarding transportation. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Specifies that the successful completion of a military motorcycle rider training course that meets or exceeds the Motorcycle Safety Foundation curriculum standards by an applicant who is an active member of the United States armed forces must constitute an actual demonstration of the person's ability to exercise due care in the operation of a motorcycle or motortricycle and that no further driving test can be required to obtain a motorcycle or motortricycle license or endorsement;

(2) Repeals the current provisions regarding the issuance of a temporary boater education permit to a nonresident of the state and allows any person or company that rents or sells vessels to issue a temporary boating safety identification card to a nonresident to operate a rented vessel or a vessel being considered for sale, for a period of up to seven days, if the individual meets the minimum age requirements for operating a vessel in this state. In order to qualify for the card, the applicant must provide a valid driver's license establishing that he or she is a nonresident and must sign an affidavit stating that he or she has reviewed the Missouri State Highway Patrol Handbook of Missouri Boating Laws and Responsibilities. The patrol must charge a fee of \$9 for the card. A nonresident will not be eligible for more than one card. The bill authorizes the patrol to develop the card and any necessary requirements and requires a business that issues a card to transmit the applicant's information and payment to the highway patrol using an electronic online registration process developed and provided by the highway patrol. The fee must be deposited into the Water Patrol Division Fund. These provisions expire December 31, 2022;

(3) Requires, effective August 28, 2012, any outboard motor manufactured on or after July 1 of any year to be labeled "Year Manufactured" with the year immediately following the year manufactured unless the manufacturer indicates a specific model or program year; and

(4) Allows the normal and customary use of state park public roads by commercial organizations to transport persons or vehicles, including canoes, without the Department of Natural Resource's written permission. Currently, a person is prohibited from conducting commercial activities or using any facilities, buildings, trails, roads, or other property within a state park without the written permission or a concession contract with the department.

The provisions of the bill regarding boater safety identification cards and the use of state park roads contain an emergency clause.